

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the amendment above and the remarks below is respectfully requested.

Claims 149, 150 and 157-163 have been canceled in this paper. Claim 104 has been amended in this paper. New claims 164-172 have been added in this paper. Therefore, claims 104-109, 111-112, 117 and 164-172 are pending and are under active consideration.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Patent Office communicates the following restriction requirement:

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 104-109, 111, 112, and 117, drawn to a heat-transfer label.

Group II, claim(s) 149, 150, and 157, drawn to a heat-transfer label.

Group III, claim(s) 158, drawn to a heat-transfer label.

Group IV, claim(s) 159-163, drawn to a heat-transfer label.

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Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of species or invention to be examined even though the requirement may be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

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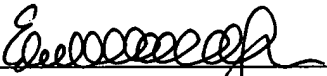
In response to the above, Applicants respectfully elect Group I, claims 104-109, 111, 112, and 117. New claims 164-172 are readable on the elected invention.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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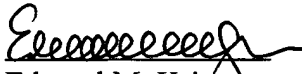
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